

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 222 – SB 272

February 28, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Department of Safety (DOS) to print and prominently display the language "NON U.S. CITIZEN" or "ALIEN" on driver licenses, permits, or other forms of identification issued or renewed for a temporary period to persons who are not United States citizens and not lawful permanent residents of the United States.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent redesign of the driver license card can be accomplished with one of two available allowances permitted by the current third party vendor contract, any impact would be not significant. Otherwise, redesign of the card will result in a one-time state expenditure estimated to be \$100,000.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004364): Rewrites language of the original bill to only require the language "VISA" or a symbol or other language designed by DOS that indicates the person is not a citizen of the United States and is not a lawful permanent resident of the United States.

Adds language to require any person presenting a driver license from a state that issues driver licenses to illegal aliens for the purposes of obtaining a Tennessee driver license shall be required to establish proof of United States citizenship or legal residence.

Changes the effective date from July 1, 2017, to effective upon becoming law for the purposes of promulgating rules, forms and procedures; for all other purposes the effective date shall be 30 days after the date in which the Commissioner of the DOS provides written notification to the Secretary of State and the Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Code Commission that the Department's driver license program is capable of implementing this act, or it shall take effect on July 1, 2018, whichever is earlier.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

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Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the DOS, and confirmed by the third party contract vendor responsible for the driver license card system, it is estimated the cost would be a one-time state expenditure of \$100,000 to redesign the driver license card to effectuate the provisions of this bill as amended.
- The contract with the third party vendor contains a provision that allows up to two card changes per year at no additional charge.
- The provisions of the bill as amended make no changes to current fees or fee requirements for conditional licenses.
- Changing the effective date pursuant to the amendment will not change the fiscal impact estimated on the original fiscal note.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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